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Rub on wood,
Something good.

If you rub your forefinger, and it itches, you will be disappointed.
For the first baby a cradle must be bought.
If you have two, you will be married twice, or go twice to a wedding.
If a knife is dropped, the first visitor will be a lady ; if a fork, a man.
If you spill salt, put some on the stove, or on your right shoulder, three times.

If you put your shoes in the shape mentioned, saying,

Place your shoes in the form of a T,
Hoping my true love for to see,

you will dream of the person.

Jane H. Newell.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

WEATHER PROVERBS IN THE UNITED STATES. — The following circular, issued by head of the Weather Bureau, is self-explanatory. It is here reproduced in order that it may be brought to the notice of members of The American Folk-Lore Society, and other persons who may be able to render assistance in the task undertaken : —

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 1, 1892.*

It is desired to make a new collection of the Weather Proverbs of the United States, and to make it as complete as possible. For this purpose your coöperation is requested. Should you have the kindness to send me a list of such proverbs, please distinguish, when practicable, between those which are of American origin and those which have been imported, giving, when possible, the origin of each, whether Indian, Scotch, English, Irish, German, etc. By a prompt compliance with this request you will very much oblige,

Yours respectfully,

MARK W. HARRINGTON, *Chief of Weather Bureau.*

VARIOUS SUPERSTITIONS.—(1.) *The Use of Salt.* — After renting a house to a colored woman, she complained to me that she had so much salt to buy, as the last tenant had left both witches and spirits behind her ; indeed, as she said, “the house was just full,” and the only way to get rid of them was to salt all the objects, especially all the flowers, floors, and especially to throw a great quantity of salt up the chimneys. Beside, she had to wear it in her shoes and stockings, and her husband's clothes had to be well salted. After this thorough salting, they remained in the house several years without any further trouble.

(2.) *Christmas Wreaths after Candlemas.* — It is an old superstition that all the Christmas wreaths and evergreens must be taken away before Candlemas, or there will be a goblin for each leaf.

For look how many leaves there be
Neglected there (maids, trust to me) ;
So many goblins you shall see.

As St. Valentine is the saint of lovers, it is an old saying that a bride must not be grieved in February, or the offender will see goblins.

It is generally known that the yellow crocus is St. Valentine's own flower.

(3.) *Penalty of leaving Things out of Order.*—My cook informed me that one of the surest superstitions she knew was, that, if one left anything out of order, or not perfectly clean, when going out for the day, or in leaving a place where one is engaged in service, bad luck is certain to follow, and one will have no pleasure or success in the new home.

Mrs. S. D. Derrickson.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

LOCAL MEETINGS AND OTHER NOTICES.

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY. — The last meeting of the season was held in the lecture hall of Tulane University, Professor Alcée Fortier presiding.

Assistant Secretary Foster read several communications to the Society; among others, answers to the letters he had addressed to the Chicago and Montreal Folk-Lore Societies, in reference to the interchange, between local branches, of all reports of proceedings of meetings, with a view to promote the growth and interest in the work of gathering up the American folk-lore traditions. The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Folk-Lore Society, through its Secretary, Mr. Stewart Culin, heartily commended the proposal, and further requested that the Louisiana branch forward to the Association, for exhibition in the Memorial Museum of the Chicago Exposition, all traditional folk-lore relics it could obtain, such as voodoo charms, fetishes, superstitious objects, etc.

Mr. John Reade, Secretary of the Montreal Folk-Lore Association, also responded with many favorable comments to the proposal for interchange of reports of societies, and expressed the great pleasure the Montreal Association had felt in reading the accounts of the Louisiana branch, as published in the "New Orleans Picayune," and hoped that, as the acquaintance of the organizations progressed, the fruitfulness of their labors would be of great mutual benefit.

The report of Mr. Foster was received, and on motion of Professor Fortier a vote of thanks was tendered him for the interest and zeal with which he had entered upon the duties of Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. M. M. Davis suggested that the Society keep a scrap-book, in which reports of the various branches of The American Folk-lore Society could be entered for use and reference. The suggestion was considered an admirable one, and was adopted.

A communication was received from Miss A. L. Alger, of Boston, Mass., relative to the collection of street cries, and a committee was appointed to promote such collection.

A committee was also appointed to provide for a public entertainment, to be held in September. Papers were then read, Mrs. Mason Cooke pre-